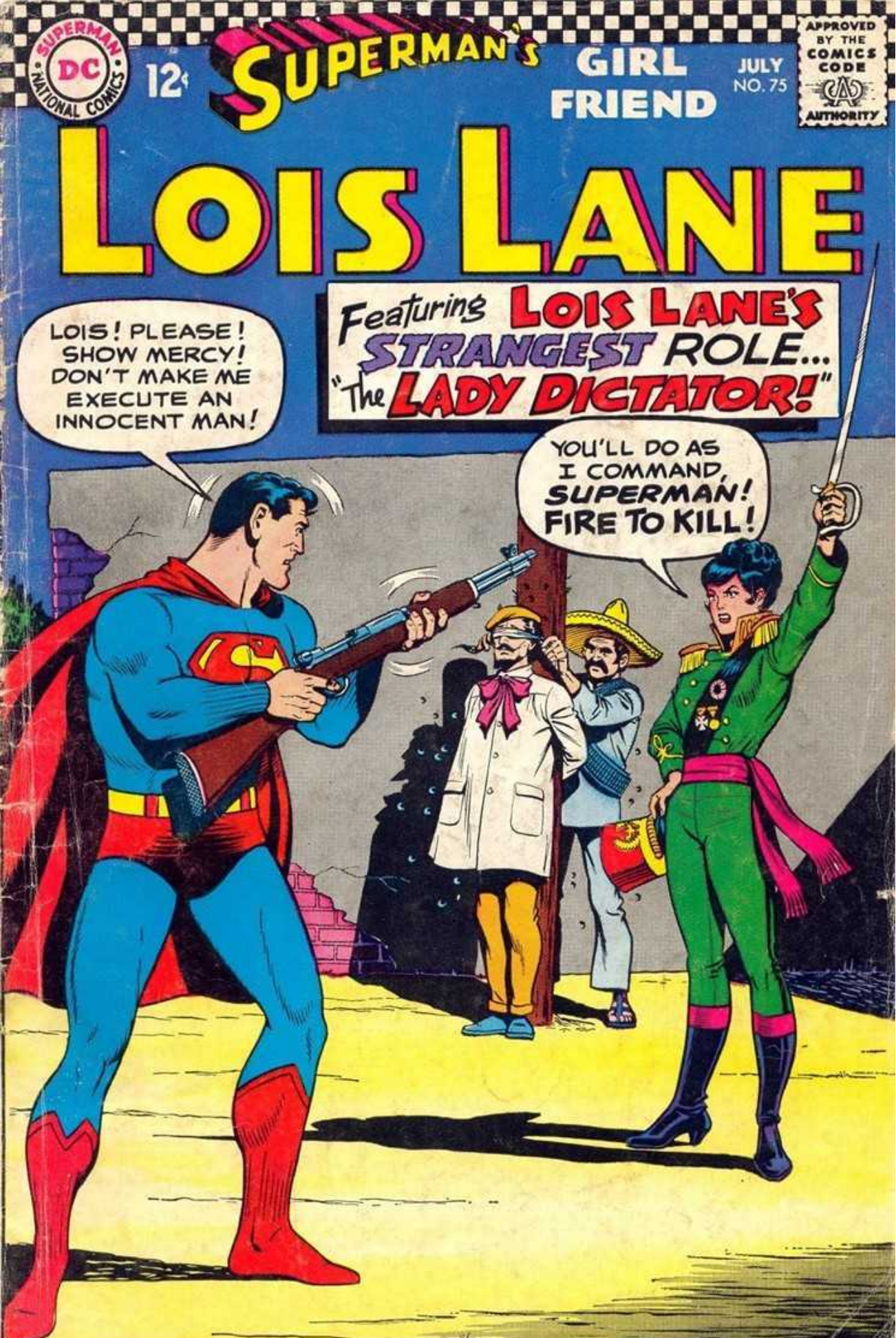
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# SUPERMAN'S GIRL FRIEND LOIS LANE

YES, THAT'S OUR GENEROUS, WARM-HEARTED, LOYAL REPORTER, LOIS LANE, YOU'RE STARING AT... BUT **NOW** SHE'S A POWER-MAD, COLD-BLOODED, TREACHEROUS TYRANT! AND EVEN **SUPERMAN** IS STUNNED AS LOIS BETRAYS HIM, WHEN SHE BECOMES...

## "The LADY DICTATOR!"

GREAT KRYPTON! I CAN FEEL THE BAYONETS PIERCING MY SKIN! I'M NO LONGER INVULNERABLE... AND NEITHER IS MY COSTUME! HELP ME, LOIS! PLEASE!
NO SOAP, SUPERMAN! I USED YOU TO ESTABLISH MY POWER AS DICTATOR OF THIS COUNTRY... AND THEN I TOOK AWAY YOUR POWERS! NOW MY MEN WILL FINISH YOU OFF!
Schaffenberger

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ONE STARTLING DAY, AT THE FAMED SUN SPRINGS WINTER RESORT...
CRASH!
I'VE HEARD OF GATE-CRASHERS, BUT THIS IS RIDICULOUS!
IT'S SUPERMAN! HE'S GONE BERSERK!
AMONG THE GUESTS IS LOVELY LOIS LANE...
OH, NO! THIS IS THE MOMENT I DREADED... I CAN'T FACE HIM...
THERE SHE IS... THE ONE I'M LOOKING FOR!
DON'T TRY TO GET AWAY! YOU'RE COMING WITH ME!
GOOD GRIEF! IS SUPERMAN KIDNAPPING LOIS LANE?
BUT HE'S SUPPOSED TO BE HER FRIEND! HAS HE POPPED HIS MAINSPRING?
THE MYSTERY DEEPENS AS, MOMENTS LATER...
YOU!... TELL ME WHO I AM! YOU MUST KNOW! SPEAK!
FOR P-PITY'S SAKE, STOP SH-SHAKING M-ME!
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A SHORT TIME AGO I AWOKE...WITH NO MEMORY. THE ONLY CLUE TO MY PAST WAS THIS PICTURE OF YOU I FOUND IN MY CAPE POUCH.
THAT'S WHY I SOUGHT YOU OUT... WITH THE WEIRD SUPER-VISION I DISCOVERED I HAD!
WHO AM I ?

YOUR NAME IS SUPER-MAN!
SUPER-MAN, EH?
YOU'RE A SUPER-BEING, FAR SUPERIOR TO ORDINARY MORTALS!
THEIR LAWS MEAN NOTHING TO YOU. YOU'RE THE CHAMPION OF CRIME, THE DEFENDER OF EVIL...

WHY IS LOIS LYING? LET'S LOOK IN ON A HIDDEN CRIMINAL LAIR IN A WESTERN CITY...
SILENCE!
YOU REALLY THINK THIS IS GONNA WORK, MAESTRO?
WHO DARES TO DISTURB THE MAESTRO WHEN HE IS CONDUCTING A MASTER-PIECE? OBSERVE THE MONITOR SCREEN!

UNDERSTAND, SUPERMAN? YOU'RE THE WORLD'S GREATEST OUTLAW, THE HERO OF THE UNDERWORLD!
SEE HOW BEAUTIFULLY THE BEAM FROM MY MEMO BATON COACHES MY, PRIMA-DONNA! MY LITTLE BIRD WARBLES HER SONG EXACTLY AS DIRECTED!

YES, YOU MIGHT SAY LOIS LANE KNOWS THE SCORE PERFECTLY! HA, HA!
WITH HER SISTER, LUCY LANE, AS MY HOSTAGE, LOIS WILL HELP ME CREATE MY GREATEST COMPOSITION... A MAGNIFICENT SYMPHONY OF CRIME!

MEANWHILE, LOIS SINGS THE MAESTRO'S DIABOLICAL TUNE...
I'M THE FRIEND OF CRIME AND EVILDOERS? SOMEHOW, IT DOESN'T SEEM RIGHT!
BUT IT'S TRUE! THAT'S WHY THEY CALL YOU THE MAN OF STEAL--S-T-E-A-L!
MAN OF STEAL... YES, THAT RINGS A BELL!
SUPERMAN, I'M LOIS LANE! WE WORK TOGETHER FOR THE UNDERWORLD AS A TEAM...
YES,..I SEEM TO SENSE YOU'RE MY FRIEND!
THAT'S WHY YOU HAD MY PICTURE WITH YOU. TRUST ME...
GOOD! I HAVE A VITAL MISSION FOR YOU!
AT 2 P.M. TOMORROW, BE AT MANZILLA, THE CAPITAL OF THE LATIN-AMERICAN REPUBLIC OF SANTORO... REPORT TO THE DICTATOR-- GENERAL TIGRE!
VERY WELL, LOIS!
WHAT KIND OF RAT AM I TO BETRAY THE MAN I LOVE LIKE THIS?
AND YET, IF I DON'T, IT WILL MEAN MY SISTER LUCY'S DEATH...
NEXT DAY, IN THE FAR DISTANT CITY OF MANZILLA, A FEARLESS MATADOR PAYS HOMAGE TO HIS DICTATOR...
I THANK YOU, MY BRAVE MATADOR!
AS THE FIRST MATADOR TO FIGHT TWO BULLS AT THE SAME TIME, I DEDICATE THESE MAGNIFICENT BEASTS TO YOUR EXCELLENCY, GENERAL TIGRE!
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BUT JUST THEN, THE GENERAL'S AIDE REPORTS..
MY GENERAL! WHILE YOU TARRY HERE, YOUR ENEMIES ARE ALREADY AT THE CAPITAL GATES!
STOP TREMBLING, YOU COWARDLY SWINE. MY SECRET WEAPON WILL BE HERE ... PRECISELY AT 2 O'CLOCK!
MEANWHILE, IN THE RING, THE MATADOR TRIES FOR A QUICK KILL...
THE MOMENT OF TRUTH... HAY! TORO! TORO!
THE BULLS WILL KILL HIM!
HE'S BEEN TOSSED!
SNNORRRT!!!
BUT A PICTURESQUE FIGURE ZOOMS OVERHEAD..
THOSE TWO BULLS ARE CHARGING THAT HELPLESS BULLFIGHTER! HE HASN'T A CHANCE, UNLESS...
THOUGH HE THINKS HIMSELF AN OUTLAW, SUPERMAN INSTINCTIVELY SWOOPS DOWN TO HELP THE DAZED MATADOR...
DON'T PANIC, FELLOW! YOU'RE IN SAFE HANDS!
YIIII! SAVE ME, SENOR!

AS THE MASSIVE BULLS END THEIR THUNDERING CHARGE...
I GUESS THIS IS WHAT THEY CALL A TICKLISH SITUATION!
KRUMPP!
OLÉ!
AFTER THE STUNNED BULLS ARE LED FROM THE ARENA...
THERE HE IS... THE SECRET WEAPON I PROMISED YOU! TOGETHER WITH THE INVINCIBLE SUPERMAN, WE WILL WIN FINAL VICTORY OVER THE REBELS!
THEN, IN THE NEXT SHOCKING INSTANT...
VICTORY! LONG LIVE GENERAL TIGRE!
GREAT GALAXIES! THIS GENERAL TIGRE IS LOIS LANE ... THE GIRL WHO CLAIMS TO BE MY FRIEND!
LOIS... I DON'T UNDERSTAND!
ONLY MY STAFF KNOWS MY REAL IDENTITY. IN SANTORO, I AM THE DICTATOR, GENERAL TIGRE!
I BROUGHT YOU HERE TO... ER... PROTECT ME FROM MY MANY ENEMIES!
DID YOU SAY ENEMIES, GENERAL? LOOK!
INCREDIBLE! I DON'T BELIEVE IT!
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THEY'RE PRESENTING ME WITH A HUGE STATUE OF MYSELF... DRESSED IN SOME KIND OF ROBES.
BUT I THOUGHT EVERYONE HATED ME!
FANTASTIC!
THERE HASN'T BEEN A MONUMENT LIKE THIS SINCE THE DAYS OF THE EGYPTIAN PHARAOHS!
GENERAL TIGRE... I, VARGAS THE SCULPTOR, DEDICATE THIS STATUE OF THE GODDESS OF LIBERTY TO YOUR EXCELLENCY!
PLEASE COME DOWN AND ACCEPT IT!
THE PEOPLE SHOULD DESPISE A DICTATOR... YET THEY HONOR ME WITH THIS MAJESTIC IMAGE! WHY?
I'LL SHOW MY APPRECIATION BY TOSSING A HANDFUL OF GOLD COINS TO THE AUDIENCE! ... HEAVEN KNOWS, THE POOR PEONS OF SANTORO CAN USE THE MONEY!
WHAT ARROGANCE! SHE HAS EVEN STAMPED HER CRUEL IMAGE ON THE COINS OF OUR COUNTRY!
"HEROINE"... HA! IF WE WEREN'T SO HUNGRY, WE'D THROW THESE BACK IN HER FACE!
GENERAL TIGRE
HEROINE OF SANTORO

AT THAT MOMENT, NEAR THE ARENA EXIT...
IT IS ALMOST TIME! IN ANOTHER MOMENT, GENERAL TIGRE AND HER HENCHMEN WILL BE BLOWN TO ATOMS!
THEN OUR GUERRILLA ARMY OF LIBERATION WILL TAKE OVER AND FREE SANTORO!

BUT IN THE NEXT INSTANT...
I HATE TO INTERRUPT THE CERMONY, BUT THIS CAN'T WAIT!
SUPERMAN, HAVE YOU LOST YOUR MIND?

AS THE CROWD STARES IN AWE...
SUPERMAN'S RUNNING AMOK! WHY IS HE "KIDNAPPING" MY STATUE?
FOOL! YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING!
COME BACK WITH MY MASTERPIECE!

THEN, MILES OVERHEAD, AN EAR-SHATTERING BLAST...
BARRAAM!

PRESENTLY, BACK AT THE ARENA...
SUPERMAN, I OWE YOU MY LIFE!
BUT HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT STATUE WAS BOOBY-TRAPPED?
MY SUPER-HEARING DETECTED AN ODD SOUND WHEN VARGAS STEPPED OFF THE TOE OF THE IMAGE.
"WHEN I CHECKED WITH MY X-RAY VISION..."
THE SCULPTOR TRIGGERED AN ELECTRONICALLY-TIMED FUSE! THAT STATUE IS A DEADLY BOMB SET TO EXPLODE IN SECONDS.
TOE-NAIL TRIGGER
ELECTRONIC TIMER
DETONATING WIRES
EXPLOSIVE CHARGE
THIS CALLS FOR SUPER-SPEED!
THANKS TO SUPERMAN, WE'RE ALL ALIVE. BUT THIS WOULD-BE ASSASSIN MUST PAY THE PENALTY!
HE AND HIS FAMILY WILL BE SHOT AT DAWN!
GO AHEAD! KILL ME! IT WAS WORTH THE RISK TO STRIKE A BLOW AT OUR NATION'S OPPRESSOR ... EVEN THOUGH I FAILED!
I CAN'T BLAME HIM FOR HATING ME! AND NOW I MUST HAVE HIM EXECUTED!
SUPERMAN, TAKE ME TO MY HEADQUARTERS AT ONCE! I'LL GUIDE YOU THERE!
YES, LOIS... ER... I MEAN GENERAL!
THIS IS ALL SO CONFUSING! SOMEHOW, IT DOESN'T SEEM RIGHT FOR LOIS TO BE EVIL... AND FOR ANYONE TO WANT TO KILL HER!

SOON, AT THE DICTATOR'S HEADQUARTERS...
WHAT BEAUTIFUL MUSIC! WHO'S PLAYING?
NOBODY YOU'D KNOW, SUPERMAN! WAIT OUT HERE! I HAVE PRIVATE BUSINESS INSIDE.
THAT MUSIC IS THE MAESTRO'S TRADE-MARK. HE ALWAYS PLAYS WHEN HE'S "COMPOSING" SOME DIABOLICAL PLAN.
LOIS, WAIT... WHY MUST I AID EVIL-DOERS?
HIS GOOD INSTINCTS ARE BREAKING THROUGH, DESPITE HIS AMNESIA.
SOMEHOW IT SEEMS WRONG!
SUPER-MAN, YOU MUST BELIEVE ME... YOU'RE AN OUTLAW!
TRUE, SHE'S MY FRIEND. AND YET, I FEEL SURE WORKING FOR A DICTATOR ISN'T RIGHT... EVEN IF THAT DICTATOR IS LOIS LANE!
WITHIN, AT A WEIRD KEYBOARD...
AH! THIS MAGNIFICENT HARMONY ALMOST STIRS ME TO TEARS! IT'S INSPIRING ME WITH A BRILLIANT IDEA FOR MY LITTLE CONSPIRACY.
JUST THEN...
STOP THE MUSIC, MAESTRO! I CAME HERE TO TELL YOU THAT I WON'T GO THROUGH WITH YOUR SCHEME!
REALLY? PERHAPS YOU'LL CHANGE YOUR TUNE WHEN YOU HEAR THE NEXT ARRANGEMENT I'M GOING TO PLAY. HA, HA!
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# MAKE YOUR SUMMER COUNT!

I HAVEN'T HAD ANY LUCK LINING UP A SUMMER JOB-- THEY WANT OLDER KIDS...
SAME HERE... AND I WANTED TO DO SOMETHING WORTHWHILE WITH MY TIME.

SO YOU WANT TO CLEAN UP THAT LOT FOR A BALL FIELD? THAT'S A VERY COMMENDABLE PROJECT, BOYS. I'LL SEE THAT YOU GET THE PROPER SUPERVISION.
RECREATION SUPERVISOR

SEVERAL DAYS LATER...
SAY, MR. GRAY, LOOK AT ALL THOSE PIECES OF NICE, COLORED GLASS! CAN'T WE DO SOMETHING WITH THEM?
HMM... YOU SURE CAN, IF YOU'RE READY FOR ANOTHER PROJECT!

FINALLY... THE DAY OF TRIUMPH!
HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT? THEY ACTUALLY THOUGHT OUR MOSAIC WAS GOOD ENOUGH TO BE INSTALLED ON THE COMMUNITY HOUSE WALL!
WE SURE ARE GOING TO MAKE THE SUMMER COUNT!

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JANIE
OH, GOLLY! YEAH--GEE WHIZ! HE'S OUTA SIGHT!
OH, JANIE!
YES, MOM?
I DO WISH YOU'D BE MORE CAREFUL WITH YOUR LANGUAGE, JANIE! YOU USE ALTOGETHER TOO MUCH SLANG!
?
PEOPLE JUDGE YOU BY THE LANGUAGE YOU USE, YOU KNOW! AND THERE ARE TWO WORDS I WANT YOU TO PROMISE ME NEVER TO USE! ONE IS KICKY AND THE OTHER IS RAUNCHY --WILL YOU PROMISE?
ANYTHING TO OBLIGE, MOM--
--WHAT ARE THE TWO WORDS?
REV UP YOUR HONDAS!
GAS UP YOUR TRIUMPHS!
GREASE UP YOUR VESPAS!
YOU'RE ABOUT TO BLAST OFF ON THE WILDEST BIKE SCRAMBLE in COMICSDOM!
What ARE WE TALKING ABOUT? WHY-- "THE SCRAMBLE AT "WILDCAT" OF COURSE!
BECAUSE THAT'S THE TITLE OF THE LATEST-- CHILLER-THRILLER IN
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SCRAMBLE! THE SCORCHER IS MAKING THE SCENE!

AS THE MAESTRO'S FINGER TOUCHES A KEY...
REMEMBER, YOUR SISTER LUCY IS STILL A HOSTAGE IN MY SECRET HIDEOUT!
YES... I KNOW!
THEN THE PICTURE CHANGES...
BUT SHE WON'T GET LONELY! I HAVE YOUR PARENTS TO KEEP HER COMPANY!
DAD! MOTHER!
THEN YOU'VE KIDNAPPED THEM, TOO... YOU RAT!
YES, YOU MIGHT CALL THEM MY CAPTIVE AUDIENCE. HA, HA!
THIS KEYBOARD IS TUNED TO THEIR BRAIN-CELL FREQUENCIES. WITH MY MOOD-CONTROL HELMET, I CAN MAKE THEM FEEL ANY EMOTION I DESIRE. I PRESS THE KEY OF JOY, AND...
REMORSE
LOVE
FEAR
JOY
RAGE
DESPAIR
GRIEF
NTION
AGE
...OBSERVE THIS SERENADE OF HYSTERICAL JOY...
HAHA-HEEHEEHEE!
GROANN!
...AND HERE'S A RHAPSODY OF RAGE!
ANOTHER KEY PRODUCES THIS DIRGE OF DESPAIR...
YAAARRRRR!
FOR CLOSE-RANGE OPERATION, I USE THIS FOCUSING DEVICE... FOR EXAMPLE, THERE'S THE SCULPTOR WHO TRIED TO ASSASSINATE YOU TODAY. REMEMBER HOW PROUD AND DEFIANT HE WAS?
CLICK!
AT SHORT RANGE I NEED NO ELECTRODES TO CONTROL HIS EMOTIONS... SEE? HE WAS A HERO... NOW I TURN HIM INTO A SNIVELING COWARD!
HAVE MERCY! DON'T KILL ME!

BEAUTIFUL, ISN'T IT, LOIS? MY MOOD-CONTROL DEVICE CAN DRIVE YOUR FAMILY MAD... UNLESS YOU COOPERATE!
SOB! ALL RIGHT! I'LL DO ANYTHING YOU ASK!
I KNEW YOU'D SEE THE LIGHT. COME... I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT ORDERS I WANT YOU TO TRANSMIT TO SUPERMAN.
THIS GATE... IT SEEMS TO LEAD TO A DUNGEON.
PRESENTLY, IN THE DANK DEPTHS BELOW...
THAT SLEEPING WOMAN! SHE'S DRESSED EXACTLY LIKE ME!
WHY NOT? SHE'S THE ORIGINAL GENERAL TIGRE. SHE REFUSED TO PARTICIPATE IN MY SCHEME, SO I PUT HER INTO SUSPENDED ANIMATION AND REPLACED HER WITH YOU!
BUT EXCEPT FOR THE UNIFORM, WE'RE ABOUT AS MUCH ALIKE AS A FRESH PEACH AND A DRIED PRUNE!
TRUE! BUT NO ONE NOTICED THE DIFFERENCE, BECAUSE SHE HASN'T BEEN SEEN IN PUBLIC FOR YEARS.
I'LL BET THAT SPARKLER DIDN'T COME WITH CRACKERJACKS!
IT'S AN ARTIFICIAL GEM I CREATED EXPERIMENTALLY!
THEN, IN THE NEXT ROOM...
REALLY? ARE YOU MAKING A RING FOR A DINOSAUR?
VERY FUNNY! BUT YOUR NEXT ASSIGNMENT IS TO ORDER SUPERMAN TO X-RAY THAT JEWEL FOR FLAWS. I'LL TELL YOU WHEN AND WHERE!
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ONCE HE'S DONE THAT SIMPLE TASK, I'LL FREE YOUR FAMILY!
NOW GO UPSTAIRS! I HAVE WORK TO DO!
THERE'S A SOUR NOTE HERE. THIS CROOKED CONDUCTOR HAS MORE IN MIND THAN A FLASHY CONVERSATION PIECE!
AS LOIS LEAVES...
YOU MEAN ALL YOUR PLANNING AND SCHEMING WAS JUST TO GET SUPERMAN TO X-RAY THAT OVERSIZED JEWEL?
SIMPLETON! THIS IS NO ORDINARY GEM!
WATCH WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I FOCUS THE BEAM FROM THIS PORTABLE X-RAY MACHINE THROUGH THE GEM'S CENTER!
YOU SWITCHED ON THE X-RAY, BUT NOTHING'S HAPPENED!
RELAX! A SLIGHT MALFUNCTION... IT'S EASILY CORRECTED!
HMMMM!
CLICK
SUBTERRANEAN MOISTURE LEAKED DOWN FROM THE STONE CEILING AND INTERFERED WITH THE EFFECT OF THE X-RAYS. I'LL WIPE OFF THE LENS!
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MEANWHILE, LOIS IS EAVESDROPPING...
TAKE COVER BEHIND THE ARMORED SHIELD. I'M GOING TO TRIP THE SWITCH AGAIN!
THE MAESTRO IS PERFORMING SOME SORT OF TEST IN THERE. I WISH I COULD SEE WHAT HE'S UP TO!
IN THE NEXT INSTANT...
GOOD GRIEF! THAT CONNIVING KOOK MUST HAVE TOUCHED OFF WORLD WAR III!
POW!!
BLAM!!
RATAT-TATAT!
FANTASTIC! IF AN ORDINARY X-RAY CAN DO THAT, IMAGINE THE EFFECT WHEN SUPER-MAN USES HIS SUPER-X-RAY VISION ON THE JEWEL!
ULP!! WHAT HORRIBLE NEW WEAPON HAS THAT MAD MOZART RIGGED UP NOW?
BUT WHEN SHE IS AGAIN SUMMONED BY THE MAESTRO, LOIS HAS ANOTHER WEAPON TO WORRY ABOUT...
HERE, TAKE THIS RIFLE!
BUT WHAT FOR?
ACCORDING TO SANTORAN CUSTOM, YOU, PERSONALLY, MUST SHOOT THE FAMILY OF THE MAN WHO TRIED TO ASSASSINATE YOU!
THE EXECUTION TAKES PLACE TOMORROW AT DAWN. REMEMBER, IT'S THE ASSASSIN'S FAMILY...OR YOURS!
M-ME, AN EXECUTIONER! I-I'M ON THE SPOT. WELL, THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO!
NEXT DAY, THE CONDEMNED FAMILY FACES DEATH...
COURAGE, MY BELOVED ONES. IT WILL SOON BE OVER.
I'M NOT AFRAID, FATHER.
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SOON, AT THE PLACE OF EXECUTION...
GREAT GALAXIES! MY X-RAY VISION REVEALS THE BULLETS IN HER RIFLE ARE REAL!
LOIS, ARE YOU ACTUALLY GOING THROUGH WITH THIS EXECUTION?
WHY NOT? THIS MAN KNEW THE PENALTY WHEN HE TRIED TO ASSASSINATE ME. DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE GOING SOFT, SUPERMAN?
WE OUTLAWS CAN'T AFFORD TO BE SENTIMENTAL!
YOU NEED TOUGHENING UP! HERE! YOU BE THE EXECUTIONER!
SUPERMAN... AN EXECUTIONER... WHAT A TERRIFIC IDEA!
LOIS! PLEASE! SHOW MERCY! DON'T MAKE ME KILL THIS MAN AND HIS INNOCENT FAMILY!
YOU'LL DO AS I COMMAND, SUPERMAN! AIM STRAIGHT FOR THE HEART AND DON'T MISS!
CAN THIS COLD-HEARTED COOKIE REALLY BE OUR LOIS?
BANG! BANG! BANG!
READY!
AIM!
FIRE!
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YES, IT'S FOR REAL! YOU'VE SEEN THE VICTIMS FALL, AND SUPERMAN'S FINGER WAS ON THE TRIGGER!

WHY DID YOU MAKE ME DO IT, LOIS?
WAIT TILL THE WORLD HEARS THAT SUPERMAN HAS BROKEN HIS CODE AGAINST KILLING...AND THAT LOIS LANE GAVE HIM THE ORDER TO DO IT!
I SHOULDN'T HAVE PULLED THAT TRIGGER! IT WAS INHUMAN!
FORGET IT, SUPERMAN. I LEAVE THE BODIES WHERE THEY LIE. I'VE GIVEN THEIR RELATIVES PERMISSION TO BURY THEM!
MOMENTS LATER, A MESSENGER ARRIVES...
SENOR MAESTRO! THE REBEL ARMY IS SWEEPING DOWN FROM THE HILLS! THEY WILL ARRIVE HERE WITHIN THE HOUR!
QUICKLY! BRING OUT THE GIANT JEWEL!
SOON...
MAESTRO, WHY DRAG THAT KING-SIZED GEM OUT HERE? WHAT'S THE PITCH?
THAT'S MY BUSINESS...
YOUR JOB IS JUST TO GET SUPERMAN TO PROJECT HIS X-RAY VISION THROUGH THAT SPARKLER WHEN I GIVE THE WORD!

THAT GEM MAY BE A SECRET WEAPON... BUT I MUST FOLLOW ORDERS TO PROTECT MY FAMILY.
OKAY, LOIS... AS LONG AS I DON'T HAVE TO KILL AGAIN!
SUPERMAN, X-RAY THAT JEWEL WHEN THE MAESTRO TELLS YOU TO! UNDERSTAND?
JUST THEN... MAESTRO! THE REBEL ARMY IS HERE! THEY ARE ABOUT TO ATTACK.
FASTEN YOUR SEAT BELT, READER. IF SUPERMAN'S ACTIONS HAVE SHOCKED YOU BEFORE, YOU'RE ABOUT TO GET THE JOLT OF YOUR LIFE!
SUPERMAN, QUICK! FOCUS YOUR X-RAY VISION ON THAT JEWEL! POUR IT ON!
YES, MAESTRO!
HUMMMMMMMMM!
AS IT SHINES THROUGH THE IMMENSE JEWEL, SUPERMAN'S ASTONISHING X-RAY VISION BECOMES A WEAPON OF FANTASTIC POWER, DEVASTATING THE REBEL ARMY...
BAMM!
BARROOOM!
MMMM!
POW!
IT IS SOME TERRIBLE WEAPON!
RATATATATAT!
RETREAT! FLEE FOR YOUR LIVES!
OUR AMMUNITION IS EXPLODING!
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NOW THAT I CONTROL SANTORO, I'LL SELL BASES HERE TO A HOSTILE FOREIGN POWER FOR AN ATOMIC ATTACK AGAINST THE UNITED STATES!
NO! I'M AN OUTLAW... NOT A TRAITOR! I WON'T LET YOU DO IT!

BUT INSTANTLY...
BAYONETS... PIERCING MY SKIN! ULP!! I'M NO LONGER INVULNERABLE... AND NEITHER IS MY COSTUME!
YOU GET THE POINT! THAT WAS A SIDE-EFFECT I BUILT INTO THE JEWEL! YOUR X-RAYS TURNED IT INTO GOLD KRYPTONITE, WHICH STOLE YOUR POWERS PERMANENTLY!

SUPERMAN, IT'S ALL MY FAULT! I LIED WHEN I SAID YOU WERE AN OUTLAW!
LEAVE ME ALONE...I'M A TRAITOR AND A KILLER!
RELAX, SUPERMAN! YOU'RE NOTHING OF THE KIND!

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SUPERMAN! X-RAY THAT JEWEL WHEN THE MAESTRO TELLS YOU TO! UNDERSTAND?
OKAY, LOIS...AS LONG AS I DON'T HAVE TO KILL AGAIN!
THIS TIME, HOWEVER, LOIS HAS A PLAN...
SUPERMAN'S X-RAY VISION WILL PROBABLY TURN THAT GIGANTIC GEM INTO SOME CATASTROPHIC SECRET WEAPON THAT WILL WIPE OUT THE REBEL ARMY!
BUT I KNOW HOW TO PREVENT IT!
I REMEMBER SOMETHING I HEARD WHEN I EAVESDROPPED ON THE MAESTRO YESTERDAY!
SUBTERRANEAN MOISTURE LEAKED DOWN FROM THE STONE CEILING AND INTERFERED WITH THE EFFECT OF THE X-RAYS. I'LL WIPE OFF THE LENS.
YES! THIS KOOKIE KEYBOARD SHOULD HELP ME STYMIE THE MAESTRO!
BUT FIRST I MUST LOCATE SUPERMAN ON THE SHORT-RANGE FOCUSING DEVICE.
SWIFTLY, LOIS DONS THE MOOD CONTROL HELMET... THEN...
THERE HE IS NOW!
SUPERMAN, QUICK! FOCUS YOUR X-RAY VISION ON THAT JEWEL! POUR IT ON!
GRIEF
DESPAIR
RAGE
JOY
I HATE TO DO THIS... BUT FOR MY SCHEME TO WORK, I MUST CAUSE SUPERMAN UNBEARABLE GRIEF... BY TRANSMITTING MEMORIES OF HOW HIS PARENTS DIED ON THE PLANET, KRYPTON!
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AS THE TRAGIC MEMORIES FLOOD SUPERMAN'S BRAIN...
MY FATHER AND MOTHER! SUDDENLY I CAN'T STOP THINKING ABOUT THEM...AND HOW THEY DIED WHEN MY NATIVE WORLD, KRYPTON, EXPLODED! ;GULP!;
SUPERMAN, WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOUR X-RAY VISION?
FOR SOME REASON, THE BIG STIFF'S CRYING! THE TEARS ARE INTERFERING WITH HIS X-RAY VISION. THE JEWEL'S EXPLOSIVE EFFECT ISN'T BEING ACTIVATED!
JUST AS I PLANNED!
HERE COME THE REBELS... ARMED TO THE TEETH...AND OUR SECRET WEAPON IS USELESS... THANKS TO THAT OVERGROWN CRY-BABY, SUPERMAN!
AS THE DEFIANT FREEDOM-FIGHTERS LAUNCH THEIR ATTACK...
FREEDOM FOR SANTORO! DOWN WITH OUR OPPRESSORS!
LOIS MAY BE A DICTATOR, BUT SHE'S MY FRIEND...
...YET THESE ATTACKERS ARE IN THE RIGHT!
WHAT DO I DO?

JUST THEN, LOIS SHOWS UP...
SUPERMAN, I LIED. YOU'RE NO CROOK! YOU'RE THE WORLD'S GREATEST HERO!
YES, I REMEMBER NOW. I'M A FOE OF ALL TYRANTS!
THEN COME ON... LET'S GIVE THOSE REBELS A HAND!
BUT FIRST, I'LL GET RID OF THIS DICTATOR'S UNIFORM!
STAY OUT OF DANGER, LOIS! THIS IS A JOB FOR SUPERMAN!
BUT WITH HER TYPICAL GALLANTRY, LOIS PLUNGES INTO THE FRAY...
STAND BACK! I'LL CRUMPLE THESE WALLS LIKE CARDBOARD!
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LOOK! SUPERHOMBRE IS WITH US! WE CAN NOT LOSE!
CRUNCH!
OVERWHELMED BY THE REBELS, THE MAESTRO FLEES...
THE RAT IS RUNNING, BUT HE HASN'T A CHANCE!
IT'S MY TURN NOW, SUPERMAN... I WANT TO TAKE CARE OF HIM PERSONALLY!
YOUR PERFORMANCE IS OVER, MAESTRO! TAKE A BOW!
WOW! NO WONDER THEY CALLED HER GENERAL TIGRE! SHE POUNCED ON HIM LIKE A TIGRESS!
THUD!
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OKAY, LOIS! YOU'VE WON! BUT IF I GO TO PRISON, YOU'LL NEVER SEE YOUR FAMILY ALIVE AGAIN!
BRING HIM IN HERE, SUPERMAN! I'LL MAKE HIM SING LIKE A NIGHTINGALE!
SOON...
THIS EMOTION CONTROL KEYBOARD WILL FILL YOU WITH REMORSE!
FORGIVE ME! WHAT A RATFINK I'VE BEEN! I PLANNED TO SELL BASES IN SANTORO TO A FOREIGN POWER FOR AN ATOMIC ASSAULT AGAINST THE U.S.!
"ORIGINALLY, I TRIED TO TAKE OVER SUPERMAN'S BRAIN BY REMOTE CONTROL..."
SUPERMAN IS INVULNERABLE... BUT ONLY TO PHYSICAL FORCE. THIS TYRANNO-BATON WILL ENSLAVE HIS MIND AND COMPEL HIM TO DO MY BIDDING!
"HOWEVER, SOMETHING WENT WRONG..."
HE DOESN'T RESPOND TO MY ORDERS! HE ACTS DAZED AND CONFUSED!
WHY, HE SEEMS TO HAVE AMNESIA! HE TOOK A PICTURE OF LOIS LANE FROM HIS CAPE POUCH... HE'S TRYING TO RECALL WHO SHE IS... HMM...
AND THAT GAVE YOU THE IDEA OF FORCING ME TO CON SUPERMAN INTO DOING YOUR DIRTY WORK BY HOLDING MY FAMILY AS HOSTAGES?
I'M SORRY! CHOKE! BUT I'LL TELL YOU WHERE THEY ARE...
SOON, AFTER THE CULPRITS, INCLUDING THE REAL GENERAL TIGRE, ARE IMPRISONED, SUPERMAN RESCUES THE CAPTIVES...
MOTHER... DAD... LUCY! THANK HEAVENS YOU'RE SAFE!
SUPERMAN TOLD US THE WHOLE STORY, LOIS! YOU'RE A HEROINE!
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YES, BUT AS A HERO I'M FINISHED! BY EXECUTING THOSE THREE PRISONERS, I BROKE MY CODE AGAINST KILLING!
YOU'RE WRONG, SUPERMAN! LOOK!
THE PRISONERS... ALIVE!
BUT THAT RIFLE HAD REAL BULLETS... AND I COULDN'T HAVE MISSED!
YOU WERE RIGHT ON TARGET, SUPERMAN. BUT WE CARRIED BULLET-PROOF SHIELDS TO PROTECT US!
"YOU SEE, BEFORE THE EXECUTION, WE HAD A SECRET VISITOR..."
PSST! I'M REALLY YOUR FRIEND!
YOU CAN SAVE YOUR LIVES BY PUTTING THESE BAGS OF COINS OVER YOUR HEARTS BEFORE YOU GO TO THE EXECUTION!
LOIS TOLD YOU TO AIM AT OUR HEARTS... AND THE COINS PROTECTED US!
YES... THE COINS WITH MY IMAGE!
I WASN'T SURE OF MY AIM, BUT I KNEW YOUR SUPER-AIM COULDN'T MISS!
AND AS THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS SHOW THEIR GRATITUDE...
THOSE CRIMINALS FORCED OUR HEROINE TO POSE AS THE REAL DICTATOR, BUT SHE TURNED ON THEM AND WON FREEDOM FOR SANTORO!
THOSE CHEERS ARE BETTER THAN ANY EMOTION MACHINE TO TURN ME INTO ONE BIG BUNDLE OF JOY!
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Dear Editor:

I liked the story of Miss Gzptlsnz (How do you pronounce her name?) in No. 73 and I hope to see more of her in the future. The theme of a magical being trying to be helpful, but always blundering, was quite humourous and a refreshing change from your recent "straight" stories.

—M. Shelby Silver, Baltimore, Md.

(The 5th-dimensional female's name is pronounced Giz-pitel-senz.—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

If you want a new twist in your stories, have Superman give Lois a signal-ring, something like Jimmy Olsen's signal-watch. How about it?

—A Faithful Reader, Pittsburgh, Pa.

(To tell the truth, Lois *would* like the Man of Steel to give her a ring—but you can bet that a signal-ring is *not* the kind she has in mind!—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

I think (Well, I'm sure) that I spotted a boo-boo in LOIS LANE No. 73. In the game of Scrabble, one person receives only seven squares, and there is only one Z in the game. Yet Lois used an eight-letter word with two Z's—ZNSLTPZG! Let's see you squirm out of this one.

—Peggy Wong, Oakland, Calif.

(You trapped us. We'll just have to admit that we aren't *letter*-perfect.—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

How about some mod clothes for Lois? She would look good in a mini-skirt and stockings in colors like tangerine, green, pink, and pale blue. Give her different hairdos, too—with wigs in various colors!

—Dale Campbell, Williamston, S.C.

(Coming up—a story in which Lois plays the part of a blonde, a red-head and a hair-oine.—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

In issue No. 73, Superman and Lois are handcuffed together. In most of the panels, Lois' *right* hand is attached to Superman's *left* hand. But when Superman carries Lois, both have their *right* hands cuffed. Have I caught you?

—Arlene Roemer, Woodhaven, N.J.

(Trapped again—grrr!—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

Why don't you stop keeping readers in suspense? You know that Superman will never marry Lois or Lana. If he really loved either of them, he'd marry her in his Clark Kent identity. He always says, "I'll marry you when the time comes," or "I'll marry when I retire." He can live indefinitely, so why should he retire?

—Peter Makris, Brooklyn, N.Y.

(Have you ever read our stories of the Future Superman of the 30th century? They clearly show that our Superman *will* marry and that he'll eventually die.—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

Am I right in assuming that Superman's costume covers his entire body, except for his hands and feet, under his Clark Kent clothes? If so, why, when Clark's clothes were torn in LL No. 73, were his bare legs showing?

—Robin Shiver, Stratford, Tex.

(You have definitely detected an error, Robin. Have you been studying detective work with Batman? By the way, did we tell you this was practically an "all-trap" letter department?—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

In "Lois Lane's Fairy Godmother," why did Miss Gzptlsnz write her diary in English? After all, she comes from another dimension.

—Joseph Schaller, Philadelphia, Pa.

(Publisher's orders. We have enough trouble reading her *name* without trying to decipher a whole *diary* written in the zany language of the land of Zrfff!—Ed.)

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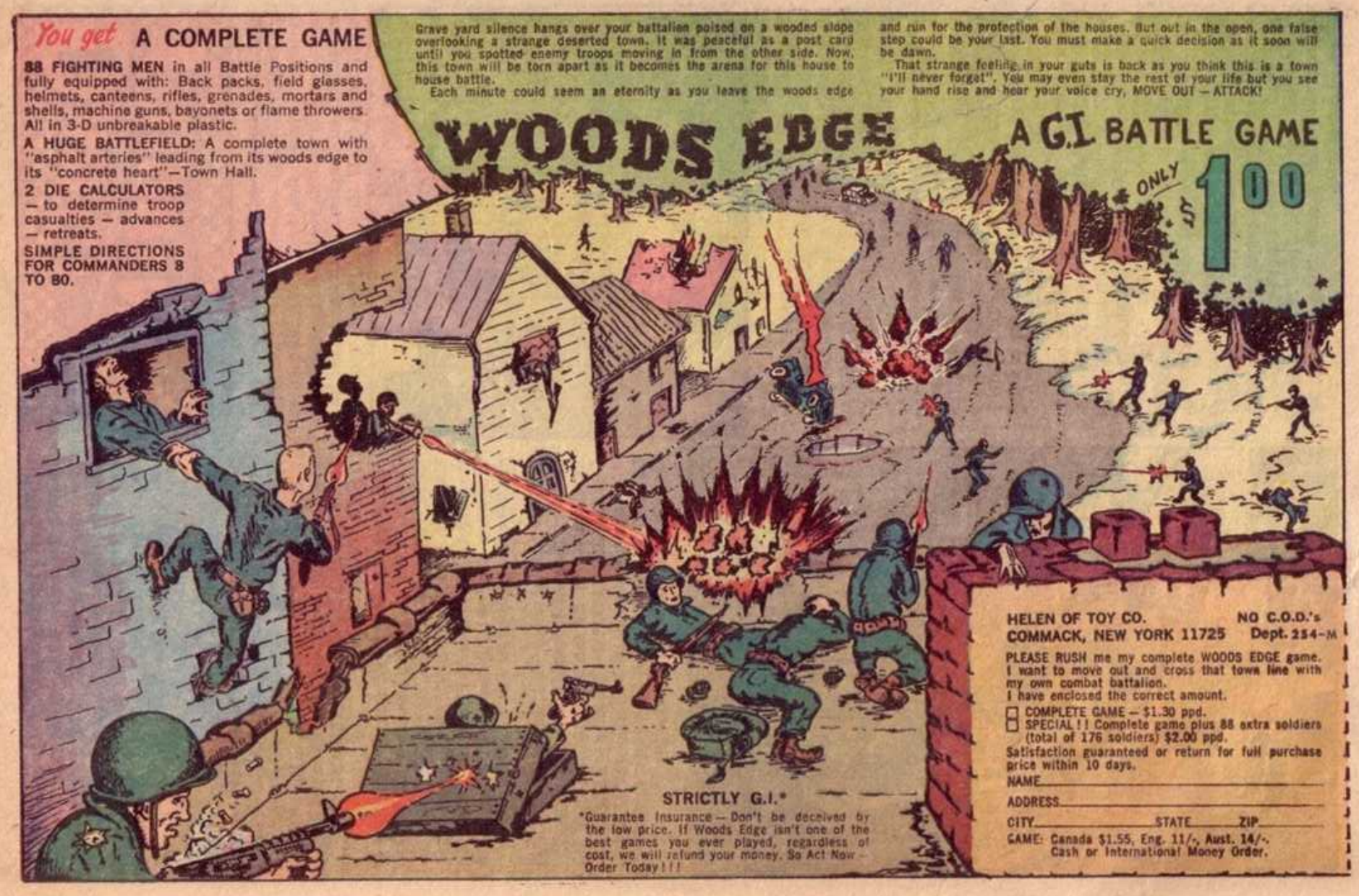
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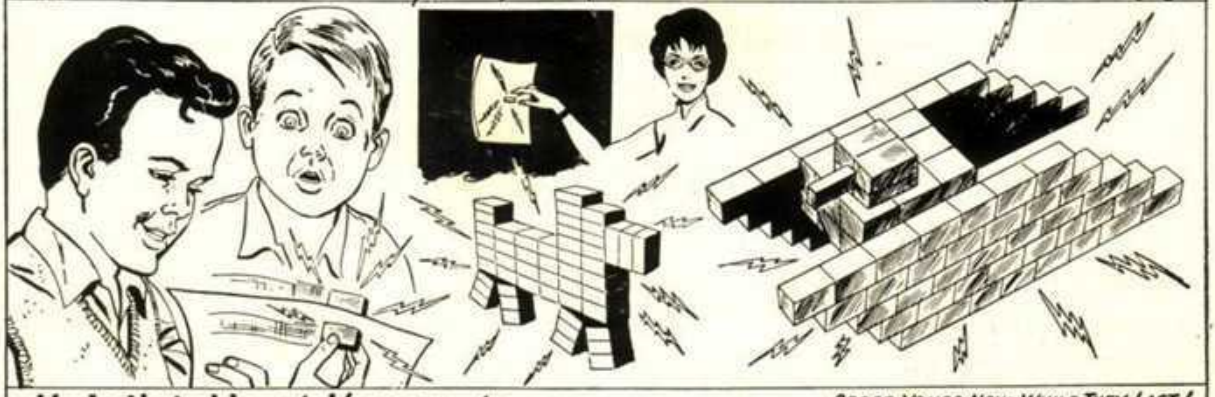

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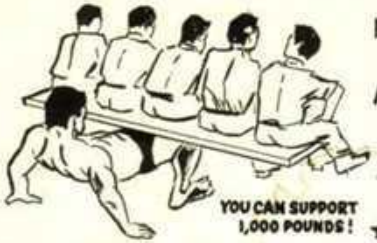

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